

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATIC WILDFIRE BILL AND THE REPUBLICAN WILDFIRE BILL?

May 19, 2003

Dear Colleague:

- 1) The Democratic Substitute (Miller/DeFazio) provides **direct aid to local communities** in the west to help them **treat private lands** at risk of wildfire. The Republican bill (McInnis) does not provide direct aid to local communities.
- 2) The Democratic Substitute is **non-controversial** – it allows expedited treatment of federal lands that pose a risk of wildfire to local communities without trampling on key environmental and judicial protections. The Republican bill will lead to more gridlock and distrust and less wildfire protection because of its controversial provisions regarding due process.
- 3) The Democratic substitute will **create new jobs quickly**. The Republican bill will not.
- 4) The Democratic substitute **targets federal resources to the local communities most at risk of wildfire**. The Republican bill allows for expedited logging projects on lands that may not pose any threat of wildfire to local communities.

**When it comes to protecting local communities from wildfire, there is a world of difference between the Republican bill and the Democratic substitute.**

**Vote for a solution –  
Support the Democratic substitute.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Miller". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "G" and a cursive "Miller".

GEORGE MILLER

Member of Congress, 7th District